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Mr. Thurston

Resolution by National Committee of Americans of Polish Descent

You have requested my comment on the second and third paragraphs of a Resolution adopted by Branch No. 5 of the National Committee of Americans of Polish Descent on August 12, 1951. The Resolution establishes in its first paragraph the premise that "the trend of world events has compelled the United States to embark upon large-scale armaments, establishment of a huge military budget and the arming of the entire Western world." From this premise it advances, in paragraphs two and three, to the assertion that "in spite of this, the Department of State continues its erroneous policy of misleading itself and the world into a belief that large-scale conflict with the Soviet Union as the headquarters of world communism can be avoided", and that "it is therefore imperative that the United States enter as soon as possible upon a program of all-out mobilization of its economy, manpower and all resources for military purposes that it can command, a many million man army, navy, and airforce." It is evident that the assertions are in contradiction to the premise. Nonetheless, the following observations may be of use. (I believe it would be imprudent to present a detailed response to the two paragraphs--particularly with respect to the distinction between "all-out mobilization" and our present program.)

It is unfortunately true that the trend of world events has compelled the United States to embark upon a program of rearming which has required a heavy military budget and the extension of military and economic assistance to the free world. The policy upon which this program was based was adopted precisely because the danger of aggression incited by weakness was fully recognized, and in the hope and belief that through the development of strength in the free world a global war might be averted. The wisdom and effectiveness of this policy has been demonstrated by the fact that notwithstanding prolonged international tension and serious acts of aggression, global war has not been attempted, while the free world is steadily increasing its political, economic, and military strength.

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